



POINT PARK UNIVERSITY VOLLEYBALL

2012 SEASON PROSPECTUS

36-6 overall, 9-1 conf. in 2011

2012 SCHEDULE

AUGUST

24	vs. Trinity International (Ill.)@	3 p.m.
	vs. #22 Cornerstone (Mich.)@	5 p.m.
25	vs. (RV) Indiana Tech@	10:30 a.m.
	vs. #16 Madonna (Mich.)@	2:30 p.m.
29	GREEN-GOLD INTRASQUAD	9 p.m.
31	Seton Hill#	1 p.m.
	West Liberty (W.Va.)#	5 p.m.
1	West Virginia Wesleyan#	10 a.m.
	Shepherd (W.Va.)#	6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

5	vs. Seton Hill (at Kiski Area HS)	9 p.m.
7	(RV) ASBURY (KY.)*\$	10 a.m.
	RIO GRANDE (OHIO)\$	6 p.m.
8	WEST LIBERTY (W.Va.)\$	10 a.m.
	NORTHWESTERN OHIO\$	2 p.m.
15	MIDWAY (KY.)*	11 a.m.
	SHAWNEE STATE (OHIO)	3 p.m.
18	at Carlow*	7 p.m.
22	vs. Brescia (Ky.)* (at IU East)	12 p.m.
	at #25 Indiana East*	2 p.m.
27	at Ursuline (Ohio)	7 p.m.
29	ALUMNI MATCH	9:30 a.m.
	W.V. WESLEYAN	12 p.m.

OCTOBER

1	FAIRMONT STATE	7 p.m.
5	vs. Ave Maria (Fla.)%	2 p.m.
	vs. Northwood (Fla.)%	4 p.m.
	vs. Michigan-Dearborn%	8 p.m.
6	at Clearwater Christian (Fla.)%	9:30 a.m.
	vs. Warner (Fla.)%	11:30 a.m.
13	at Alderson-Broaddus (W.Va.)	4 p.m.
17	EMORY (GA.)	7 p.m.
20	INDIANA SOUTHEAST*	11 a.m.
	BEREA (KY.)*	1 p.m.
23	at Pitt-Johnstown	6 p.m.
26	vs. #3 Lee (Tenn.)^	1 p.m.
	vs. (RV) Indiana Tech^	5 p.m.
27	vs. #11 Taylor (Ind.)^	1:30 p.m.
	at Georgetown (Ky.)^	5:30 p.m.
28	vs. St. Louis C.O.P.* (at Midway, Ky.)	TBA
30	at Shippensburg	7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

3	CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN*	11 a.m.
	ALICE LLOYD*	3 p.m.
6	WHEELING JESUIT (W.VA.)	7 p.m.
9-10	KIAC Tournament	TBA
17	NAIA Opening Round	TBA
26-1	NAIA National Championship	TBA

@ Mich.-Dearborn Tournament
 # Fairmont St. Tournament
 \$ Point Park Tournament
 % Clearwater Christian Tournament
 ^ Georgetown Tournament
 (All Rankings from NAIA Preseason Top 25)

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2012 Point Park Volleyball Team Notes:

The 2012 Pioneers welcome back virtually their entire roster from last year's team that is pictured above with the AMC Tournament Championship trophy. The Pioneers are coming off their first-ever conference title and first-ever trip to the NAIA national tournament. Eighth-year head coach Mike Bruno has 5 of 6 starters plus the libero returning, and the Pioneers have 8 of their top 9 players from the 2011 team back in the fold. An experience roster has 8 seniors, 7 of which will be key players for the Pioneers this year. That group has led the Pioneers to a record of 97-24 (.801) during its career and is ready to further establish the program on the national stage. Point Park will be in a new conference, the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, because the AMC folded last year.

2012 POINT PARK PIONEERS QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Founded: 1960
 Enrollment: 4,000
 Nickname: Pioneers
 Colors: Green & Vegas Gold
 Affiliation: NAIA
 Conference: KIAC
 Home Facility: Student Center Gym (300)
 330 Blvd. of the Allies, Pittsburgh, 15222
 President: Dr. Paul Hennigan
 Athletic Director: Dan Swalga
 Athletic Phone: (412) 392-3844
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COACHING STAFF

Head coach: Mike Bruno, 8th season
 Alma mater: Robert Morris '90
 Record at Point Park: 169-98 (.633) (7 yrs)
 Career record overall: 285-156 (.646) (12 yrs)
 Assistants: Neal Brown (PSU '03), 6th yr;
 Mike DiPaolo (Pitt '03), 1st yr

TEAM INFORMATION

2011 record: 36-6 overall, 9-1 conf.
 2011 conference finish: 1st of 5
 Conf. tourney: W, 3-1 vs. Daemen (Finals)
 NAIA tourney: L, 3-1 at Ind. Tech (1st Rd)
 Starters returning/lost: 5 (+libero) / 1
 Letter winners returning/lost: 8 / 1

PROGRAM HISTORY

First year of sport: 1991
 All-time record: 265-385
 Years in AMC tourney: '06, '07, '09, '10, '11
 Years in NAIA tourney: '11
 Last postseason result: L, 3-1 at Indiana Tech
 (NAIA Opening Rd, Nov. 19, 2012)

2012 VOLLEYBALL SEASON OUTLOOK

The 2012 Point Park Pioneers volleyball season holds a lot of promise with a very veteran team that returns just about its entire roster from last year's 36-6 team that won the American Midwest Conference Tournament and made the NAIA national tournament. The roster that is heavily made up of upper classmen includes seven seniors and two juniors that will be a part of the main rotation of players. The crop of eight seniors — five of which are entering their fourth year at the school — are a combined 97-24 (.801) in their careers. All of that adds up to a season of expectations for eighth-year head coach Mike Bruno. But Bruno feels that experience will serve the Pioneers well as they attempt to further establish the program on the NAIA national scene after gaining a taste of national attention for the first time last year.

Another challenge for Point Park this year is its adjustment to a new conference — the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The Pioneers' previous conference, the American Midwest Conference, disbanded after last season. Even as a newcomer, the Pioneers should be one of the KIAC favorites this year, and they are picked to finish second in the KIAC Preseason Coaches' Poll (Aug. 16). Indiana East (37-9 in '11) is the preseason KIAC favorite and checked in a No. 25 in the NAIA Preseason Top 25 Poll. Point Park is in the 'Others Receiving Votes' section of the national preseason poll. The Pioneers are in the same spot as they finished 2011 — rated as the 31st best team in the NAIA. Asbury (Ky.) is also receiving votes nationally is KIAC preseason No. 3.

POSITION BREAKDOWN: DEFENSE / BACK ROW

It makes sense to start with defense because it has been the foundation of the Pioneers' program under coach Bruno. For the fourth year in a row, the main core of Point Park's back row will be made up of three seniors who have started their entire careers — **Amanda Ardinger (DS, 5-5, Sr., Moon Twp., Pa.)**, **Alyssa Hall (DS, 5-5, Sr., Moon Twp., Pa.)** and **Margaret Gillooly (Ds, 5-5, Sr. Cranberry Twp., Pa.)**. All three have more than 1,100 digs in their career and will anchor the unit. Newcomers to the group are freshmen **Dana Fitzgerald (DS, 5-6, Fr., Beaver, Pa.)**, **Kelsey Veydt (DS, 5-3, Fr., Cecil, Pa.)** and **Emily McLaughlin (DS, 5-6, Fr., Greensburg, Pa.)**. Fitzgerald, an all-section performer at Beaver Area HS, stands the best chance of the freshmen to break into the fold. Lindsey Oberacker (OH) and Tayler Pugliese (S) will also play back there.

POSITION BREAKDOWN: SETTER

Returning as a starter is senior **Tayler Pugliese (S, 5-7, Sr., Ashtabula, Pa.)**, who transferred to Point Park last year from Notre Dame (OH). She directed one of the best offenses in the NAIA last year and was AMC Setter of the Year. She ranked seventh in the nation in total assists (1,575) and 10th in assists per game (10.94). Newcomer **Cara Bradley (S/RS, 5-10, Fr., Fleetwood, Pa.)** was a two-time all-state player at Brandywine Heights HS, where she was the starting setter for a state championship team last year.

POSITION BREAKDOWN: OUTSIDE HITTERS

Lindsey Oberacker (OH, 6-0, Sr., Erie, Pa.) is the Pioneers' top offensive threat once again. A four-year starter, she was NAIA Honorable Mention All-American last year and has a host of accolades in her career. Oberacker has 1,459 career kills, and her career-high 556 kills in 2011 ranked fifth in the NAIA. **Chelsea Katkich (OH, 6-0, Jr., Imperial, Pa.)** has been a productive player the last two years and is ready to step up her game even more as an upperclassman. Her career-high 250 kills last year were third on the team and are second among returners for 2012. Back on the team after a one-year absence is **Kirsten Burkes (OH/RS, 6-0, Jr., Robinson Twp., Pa.)**. The former all-state player at Montour was with the Pioneers from 2009-10 and also will see time at right-side hitter. Others on the depth chart are senior **Amanda Wenger (OH, 5-9, Sr., Warren, Pa.)** and **Isabella Vavrek (OH, 5-8, Fr., Aliquippa, Pa.)**. Vavrek was an all-state player at Hopwell HS. (*Position Breakdown: Middle Hitters on Page 4.*)

2012 KIAC PRESEASON POLL

(First Place Votes)	Points
1. Indiana East (9)	90
2. Point Park (1)	78
3. Asbury (Ky.)	76
4. Indiana Southeast	65
5. Cincinnati Christian (Ohio)	58
6. Carlow (Pa.)	49
7. Midway (Ky.)	48
8. St. Louis C.O.P. (Mo.)	32
9. Brescia (Ky.)	25
10. Berea (Ky.)	16
11. Alice Lloyd (Ky.)	13

(Poll voted on by KIAC coaches Aug. 16, 2012)

2011 KIAC FINAL STANDINGS

	KIAC	Overall
1. Indiana East	14-1	37-9
2. Asbury (Ky.)	14-1	42-11
3. Cincinnati Christian	10-5	23-13
Indiana Southeast	10-5	22-17
5. Mountain State (W.V.)	7-8	14-19
6. Midway (Ky.)	5-10	9-25
7. St. Louis C.O.P.	3-6	8-13
8. Brescia (Ky.)	2-14	3-22
9. Alice Lloyd (Ky.)	0-0	0-8
10. Berea (Ky.)	0-15	2-25

2011 KIAC TOURNAMENT

Nov. 11, 2011 — Quarterfinals

Cincinnati Christian def. Midway, 3-2

IU Southeast def. Mountain State, 3-1

IU East def. St. Louis C.O.P., 3-0

Asbury def. Brescia, 3-0

Nov. 12, 2011 — Semifinals

IU East def. Cincinnati Christian, 3-0

Asbury def. IU Southeast, 3-0

Nov. 12, 2011 — Finals

IU East def. Asbury, 3-1

2011 AMC FINAL STANDINGS

	AMC	Overall
1. Point Park+	9-1	36-6
Walsh (Ohio)++	9-1	27-7
3. Daemen (N.Y.)	6-4	26-15
4. Roberts Wesleyan (N.Y.)	4-6	19-13
5. Carlow (Pa.)	1-9	9-19
6. Houghton (N.Y.)	1-9	6-26

+ AMC Reg. Season Co-Champions
Not eligible for AMC postseason

2011 AMC TOURNAMENT

Nov. 8, 2011 — First Round

Point Park def. Carlow, 3-0

Daemen def. Roberts Wesleyan, 3-1

Nov. 8, 2011 — Finals

Point Park def. Daemen, 3-1

PLAYERS RETURNING FOR 2012 (with Statistics & Notes)



#16 LINDSEY OBERACKER

Stats	Kills	Pct.	Ast	Aces	Digs	TB
2011	556	.392	37	58	378	110
Career	1,459	.299	49	162	718	261

OH, 6-0, Sr. (Erie., Pa./McDowell HS)

2011 NAIA Honorable Mention All-American / AVCA All-Northeast Region 2010 & 2011
2011 AMC Player of the Year / 2011 & 2010 All-AMC 1st Team / 2009 All-AMC 2nd Team
2011 NAIA Rankings – 5th in Total Kills (556), 19th in Kills per Game (3.920)



#15 TAYLER PUGLIESE

Stats	Kills	Pct.	Ast	Aces	Digs	TB
2011	120	.281	1,575	36	257	76
Career	215	NA	2,573	NA	469	NA

S, 5-7, Sr. (Ashtabula, OH/Lakeside HS/Notre Dame (OH))

2011 AVCA All-Northeast Region Honorable Mention
2011 AMC Setter of the Year / All-AMC First Team
2011 NAIA Rankings – 7th in Total Assists (1,575), 10th in Assists per Game (10.94)



#3 NICOLE WURSTLE

Stats	Kills	Pct.	Ast	Aces	Digs	TB
2011	195	.284	6	0	36	164
Career	327	.237	9	1	53	273

MH, 6-1, Jr. (Valley City, OH/Buckeye HS (Medina Co.))

2011 All-AMC First Team
Two-Year Starter at MH
2011 NAIA Rankings – 8th in Total Blocks (164), 17th in Blocks per Game (1.22)



#11 ALYSSA HALL

Stats	Kills	Pct.	Ast	Aces	Digs	TB
2011	17	-.110	60	40	556	0
Career	34	-.089	209	102	1,238	1

DS, 5-5, Sr. (Moon Twp., Pa./Moon Area HS)

Three-Year Starter in Back Row
2011 Starting Libero
Team-High & Career-High 556 digs in 2011



#17 AMANDA ARDINGER

Stats	Kills	Pct.	Ast	Aces	Digs	TB
2011	11	.147	18	38	297	0
Career	27	-.013	46	69	1,433	0

DS, 5-5, Sr. (Moon Twp., Pa./Moon Area HS)

Three-Year Starter in Back Row
2009 & 2010 Starting Libero
Active Leader in Career Digs on team (1,433)



#10 MARGARET GILLOOLY

Stats	Kills	Pct.	Ast	Aces	Digs	TB
2011	7	.080	23	17	339	0
Career	17	-.007	41	43	1,108	0

DS, 5-5, Sr. (Cranberry Twp., Pa./Seneca Valley HS)

Three-Year Starter in Back Row
2nd on Team in Digs for 2011 (339)
Team-High Service Pct. in 2011 (.971)



#32 CHELSEA KATKICH

Stats	Kills	Pct.	Ast	Aces	Digs	TB
2011	250	.231	3	4	56	49
Career	401	.199	10	42	146	69

OH, 6-0, Jr. (Imperial, Pa./West Allegheny HS)

Two-Year Starter at OH #2
Third on Pioneers with 250 Kills in 2011 (Career High)
2010 All-AMC Freshmen Team



#18 ASHLEY CAMPBELL

Stats	Kills	Pct.	Ast	Aces	Digs	TB
2011	113	.274	6	0	18	40
Career	113	.274	6	0	18	40

RS, 5-11, Sr. (Chicora, Pa./Karns City HS/Butler Co. CC)

Starter at RS for Second Half of 2011 Season
Posted 113 Kills in just 82 Sets in 2011
Played two years at Butler Co. CC as NJCAA All-Region selection



#9 KEATON SAUSMAN

Stats	Kills	Pct.	Ast	Aces	Digs	TB
2011	26	.176	1	0	1	18
Career	26	.176	1	0	1	18

MH/RS, 5-11, So. (Canton, Ohio/GlenOak HS)

Appeared in 43 Sets & 28 Matches in 2011 with a solid 18 Total Blocks
Led Gold (JV) Team in Blocks as Freshman
Only Sophomore on the 2012 Roster



#6 AMANDA WENGER

Stats	Kills	Pct.	Ast	Aces	Digs	TB
2011	3	.000	1	0	4	1
Career	12	.042	1	0	19	3

OH, 5-9, Sr. (Warren, Pa./Warren HS)

Four-Year Player for the Pioneers
One of Eight Seniors on 2012 Roster

NEWCOMERS FOR 2012 (with Notes & Highlights)**#21 Livia Caluori MH, 6-3, Sr. (Uzwil, Switzerland/Kantonsschule Wil)**

2009-11 Swiss Volleyball National Team
 2006-08 Swiss Volleyball Junior National Team
 2004-06 Swiss Volleyball Youth National Team

#2 Isabella Vavrek OH, 5-9, Fr. (Aliquippa, Pa./Hopewell Area HS)

2011 PIAA Class AA All-State Team at Hopewell HS
 All-WPIAL & WPIAL All-Section
 2011 WPIAL Champions & WPIAL Section Champions

#5 Dana Fitzgerald DS, 5-6, Fr. (Beaver, Pa./Beaver Area HS)

WPIAL All-Section 2010-12 at Beaver Area HS
 Four-Year Letter Winner at Beaver Area HS
 USA Junior Girls National Tournament Bronze Medal 2010

#7 Kelsey Veydt DS, 5-3, Fr. (Cecil, Pa./Canon-McMillan HS)

WPIAL All-Section 2010 at Canon-McMillan HS
 Three-Year Letter Winner at Canon-McMillan HS
 Four-Year Member P3R Volleyball Club

#12 Cara Bradley S/RS, 5-10, Fr. (Fleetwood, Pa./Brandywine Heights HS)

2010-11 PIAA Class AA All-State Team at Brandywine Heights HS
 Starting Setter for PIAA Class AA Champions in 2011 (Brandywine Heights)
 District 3 First Team & All-County All-Star

#14 Kirsten Burkes OH/RS, 6-0, Jr. (Robinson Twp., Pa./Montour HS)

Two-Year Player at Point Park from 2009-10
 Posted a Combined 110 Kills & 22 Blocks in 80 Sets in 2009-10
 2008 PIAA Class AA All-State Player at Montour HS

#19 Emily McLaughlin DS, 5-5, Fr. (Greensburg, Pa./Hempfield HS)

WPIAL All-Section 2010-11 at Hempfield HS
 Three-Year Letter Winner at Hempfield HS
 Played Club Ball for KVC

Nikki Inquartano MH, 6-1, Fr. (Pittsburgh, Pa./Shaler Area HS)

Two-Year Letter Winner at Shaler Area HS
 Starter for Keystone Region Volleyball Assoc.
 Will Redshirt the 2012 season at Point Park

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POSITION BREAKDOWN: MIDDLE HITTERS

The Pioneers have All-AMC First Team selection **Nicole Wurstle (MH, Jr., 6-1, Valley City, Ohio)** as the only returning starter up front. She ranked 8th in the NAIA with 164 total blocks in 2011. **Keaton Sausman (MH/RS, 5-10, So., Canton, Ohio)** is capable of a big year in this her second season in the program and may also see time at right-side. The Pioneers are expecting big things from newcomer **Livia Caluori (MH, 6-3, Sr., Uzwil, Switzerland)**, a member of the Swiss National Team from 2009-11 and Swiss Jr. National Team from 2006-08.. **Nikki Inquartano (MH, 6-1, Fr., Pittsburgh, Pa.)** is redshirting and is a talented player for the future.

POSITION BREAKDOWN: RIGHT-SIDE HITTERS

On the right-side, the Pioneers have returning **Ashley Campbell (RS, 5-11, Sr., Chicora, Pa.)**, who broke into the lineup midway through 2011 and was a key player down the last stretch of the season. **Kirsten Burkes (OH/RS)**, **Keaton Sausman (MH/RS)** and **Cara Bradley (S/RS)** are three players who can also hit out on the opposite side in addition to playing elsewhere.

2012 NAIA Preseason Top 25

Rank	Prev	School	2011 Rec.	Pts
1	1	Texas at Brownsville (20)	32-2	621
2	2	Concordia (Calif.) (2)	38-2	603
3	3	Lee (Tenn.)	34-3	569
3	4	Columbia (Mo.)	38-4	569
5	5	Biola (Calif.)	27-13	545
6	6	Embry-Riddle (Fla.)	30-6	526
7	9	Rocky Mountain (Mont.)	30-5	503
8	10	Lewis-Clark State (Idaho)	23-6	483
9	13	Indiana Wesleyan	36-6	457
10	14	Vanguard (Calif.)	23-14	439
11	15	Taylor (Ind.)	31-9	417
12	17	Spring Hill (Ala.)	40-3	386
13	19	Grand View (Iowa)	39-10	369
14	22	Missouri Baptist	36-7	362
15	20	MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.)	30-9	310
16	RV	Madonna (Mich.)	30-10	306
17	24	Kansas Wesleyan	27-11	292
18	21	Freed-Hardeman (Tenn.)	28-11	290
19	25	Bellevue (Neb.)	29-7	257
20	RV	Lindsey Wilson (Ky.)	31-3	215
21	RV	Carroll (Mont.)	18-8	181
22	RV	Cornerstone (Mich.)	31-5	161
23	RV	Cal State San Marcos (Calif.)	29-8	140
24	RV	Westmont (Calif.)	10-16	128
25	RV	Indiana East	37-9	123

Others Receiving Votes: Park (Mo.) 93; Indiana Tech (89); College of the Ozarks (Mo.) 89; Georgetown (Ky.) 87; Viterbo (Wis.) 59; **Point Park (Pa.) 57**; Campbellsville (Ky.) 26; Grace (Ind.) 22; Robert Morris (Ill.) 13; Great Falls (Mont.) 12; The Master's (Calif.) 9; Evangel (Mo.) 8; Tabor (Kan.) 6; Asbury (Ky.) 5; La Sierra (Calif.) 5; Davenport (Mich.) 4.

QUICK LOOK AT THE SCHEDULE

Point Park is playing its toughest schedule in program history with a full slate of tough NAIA non-conference opponents in addition to its challenging, 10-match Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference schedule. In all the Pioneers will play five teams from the NAIA Preseason Top 25 and three more that are in the "Others Receiving Votes" section of that poll.

The Pioneers begin the year with some tough matchups at the Mich.-Dearborn Early Bird Challenge (Aug. 24-25) where they will play No. 16 Madonna, No. 22 Cornerstone and RV (No. 27) Indiana Tech. Then the Pioneers go to the Fairmont St. Falcon Fest for an NCAA DII event. The Pioneers host four tough opponents at the Point Park Tournament (Sept. 7-8) including 2011 KIAC & WHAC tourney finalists Asbury and UNOH.

Point Park will visit the Clearwater Christian (Fla.) Invitational Oct. 5-6 for five NAIA matchups. The tallest task on the schedule is the Georgetown (Ky.) Tournament oct. 26-27 where the Pioneers will face No. 3 Lee, No. 11 Taylor, RV Georgetown and RV Indiana Tech.

Other tough matches will be vs. NCAA DIII power Emory (Ga.) Oct. 17 and NCAA DII stalwart Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) Nov. 6.

A highlight of the KIAC schedule will be Sept. 22 at IU East, the preseason conference favorite and NAIA preseason No. 25. The Red Wolves were 37-9 last year.

PIONEERS COACHING STAFF



MIKE BRUNO — Head Coach, 8th year at Point Park

Record at Point Park: 169-98 (.633) (7 seasons)
 Career Record: 285-156 (.646) (12 seasons)
 Alma Mater: Robert Morris ('90)
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AVCA-NAIA Northeast Region Coach of the Year — 2011
 AMC Coach of the Year — 2006 & 2011
 PAC Coach of the Year — 2000, 2003 & 2004

Coach Bruno is in his eighth year as head coach of the Point Park Pioneers volleyball program. During that time, he has built the Pioneers into a yearly contender for conference championships and the NAIA national tourney. Point Park made it to the national stage for the first time in 2011 with a 36-6 campaign. Bruno was the AVCA-NAIA Northeast Region Coach of the Year in 2011, and he was the AMC Coach of the Year in 2006 & 2011.

Bruno has guided Point Park to the AMC playoffs in five of the last six years including the AMC Tournament Championship in 2011. He has a record of 169-98 (.633) in his seven seasons at Point Park. The last three years have been particularly impressive with a combined winning percentage of .801 (97-24) in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Bruno is the all-time leader in wins for the Point Park volleyball program that was started in 1991. When he took over in 2005, the program had a winning percentage of just .238 with a record of 90-287 in 14 years. Since then, he has nearly doubled the program's win total in less than half the time.

Coach Bruno's career record of 285-156 (.646) leaves him 15 wins shy of the 300-win milestone as the 2012 season begins. He is among the NAIA's Top 25 active coaches in career wins (285) and winning percentage (.646). Bruno amassed a record of 116-58 (.666) in his five years as head coach at NCAA DIII Waynesburg (Pa.). He was named conference coach of the year three times at Waynesburg, and led the Yellow Jackets to two conference titles in 2003-04.

Bruno is the Director of the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Volleyball Club, which he has built into one of the best junior Olympic volleyball organizations in Western PA and the region. He is a 1990 graduate of Robert Morris (Pa.) University, where he was an all-conference performer in cross country on the NCAA DI level.



NEAL BROWN — Assistant Coach, 6th year

Alma Mater: Penn State '03
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Neal Brown is in his 6th year as an assistant coach on the Point Park volleyball staff. It is his fourth year as the top assistant. Brown's primary responsibilities include scouting opponents, providing instruction in practices and games, compiling statistics and serving as the head coach of Point Park's developmental team, the Gold Team. The Gold Team was started in 2008, and Brown has guided it to a record of 29-5 since its inception.

Brown's work on the high school level includes time as an assistant at Upper St. Clair and Mt. Lebanon. In 2001 he helped Mt. Lebanon win the WPIAL championship and reach the PIAA playoffs. Brown attended Penn State and assisted the men's volleyball team as a manager and statistician. He helped the Nittany Lions win the EIVA conference championship and reach the NCAA semifinals.

Brown is the associate director of the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Volleyball Club. Alongside club director Mike Bruno, he has helped build Pittsburgh Three Rivers into one of the most successful club volleyball organizations in Western Pennsylvania.

MIKE DiPAOLO — Assistant Coach, 1st year

Alma Mater: Pitt '04

Mike DiPaolo is in his 1st year as an assistant coach on the Point Park volleyball staff. For the last eight years, he has been the head boys' volleyball coach at his alma mater Keystone Oaks High School just outside of Pittsburgh. He was hired as Keystone Oaks boys coach in 2005. He was also the K.O. girls' volleyball coach from 2010-11. Before going to K.O., he was the head girls' volleyball coach at North Hills from 2007-09. In his 13 seasons as a high school head coach, he has a career record of 123-112.

PIONEER YEAR BY YEAR RECORDS

Year	Overall	AMC	Postseason Notes
Head Coach MIKE BRUNO			
2011	36-6	9-1	AMC Tourney Champs, NAIA Opening Rd.
2010	29-10	7-3	AMC Tourney 1st Rd.
2009	32-8	8-4	AMC Tourney Finals
2008	19-18	7-7	
2007	25-14	9-5	AMC Tourney
2006	13-20	6-8	AMC Tourney
2005	15-22	3-15	
Head Coach STEPHANIE SZABO			
2004	4-30	0-18	
2003	3-29	0-18	
2002	2-25	0-18	
2001	3-24	3-20	
Head Coach — PAM DONALDSON			
2000	5-16	1-12	
Head Coach — SUSAN BALDWIN			
1999*	2-20	1-12	
Head Coach — LORI MASON			
1998	14-11		
Head Coach — ED MEENA			
1997	12-14		KECC playoffs
1996	16-12		KECC playoffs
1995	9-16		
Head Coach — JOHN LAWRENCE			
1994	11-29		
Head Coach — MELISSA BONDI			
1993	6-20		
Head Coach — KAREN FETSKO			
1992	3-21		
1991	0-20		
Total	259-385	54-141	

*The 1999 volleyball season was the first year for Point Park in the AMC

ALL-TIME COACHES' RECORDS

Sorted by total wins

Coach	W	L	Pct.	Years
Mike Bruno	169	98	.633	2005-11
Ed Meena	37	42	.468	1995-97
Lori Mason	14	11	.560	1998
Stephanie Szabo	12	108	.100	2001-04
John Lawrence	11	29	.275	1994
Melissa Bondi	6	20	.231	1993
Pam Donaldson	5	16	.239	2000
Karen Fetsko	3	41	.068	1991-92
Susan Baldwin	2	20	.090	1999
Total	259	385	.402	1991-2009

2012 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
2	Isabella Vavrek	OH	5-8	Fr.	Aliquippa, Pa./Hopewell Area HS
3	Nicole Wurstle	MH	6-1	Jr.	Valley City, Ohio/Buckeye (Medina Co.) HS
5	Dana Fitzgerald	DS	5-6	Fr.	Beaver, Pa./Beaver Area HS
6	Amanda Wenger	OH	5-9	Sr.	Warren, Pa./Warren HS
7	Kelsey Veydt	DS	5-3	Fr.	Cecil, Pa./Canon-McMillan HS
9	Keaton Sausman	MH/RS	5-11	So.	Canton, Ohio/GlenOak HS
10	Margaret Gillooly	DS	5-5	Sr.	Cranberry Twp., Pa./Seneca Valley HS
11	Alyssa Hall	DS/S	5-5	Sr.	Moon Twp., Pa./Moon Area HS
12	Cara Bradley	S	5-10	Fr.	Fleetwood, Pa./Brandywine Heights HS
14	Kirsten Burkes	OH/RS	6-0	Jr.	Robinson Twp., Pa./Montour HS
15	Tayler Pugliese	S	5-7	Sr.	Ashtabula, Ohio/Lakeside HS/Notre Dame (OH)
16	Lindsey Oberacker	OH	6-0	Sr.	Erie, Pa./McDowell HS
17	Amanda Ardinger	DS	5-5	Sr.	Moon Twp., Pa./Moon Area HS
18	Ashley Campbell	RS	5-11	Sr.	Chicora, Pa./Karns City HS/Butler Co. CC
19	Emily McLaughlin	DS	5-6	Fr.	Greensburg, Pa./Hempfield HS
21	Livia Caluori	MH	6-3	Sr.	Uzwil, Switzerland/Kantonsschule Wil
32	Chelsea Katkich	OH	6-0	Jr.	Imperial, Pa./West Allegheny HS
RS	Nikki Inquartano	MH	6-1	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Shaler Area HS

Head coach: Mike Bruno (Robert Morris '90), 8th season at Point Park (169-98), 13th overall (285-156)

Assistant coaches: Neal Brown (Penn State '03), 6th season; Mike DiPaolo (Pittsburgh, '04), 1st season

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

2	VAV-rick
3	WERE-sull
7	Vite
8	Ca-laur-ee
9	SAUCE-man
10	gill-LOU-lee
14	Burks
15	pug-LEASE
16	OBER-racker (it's not 'rocker')
32	KAK-itch
RS	in-QUART-tano

ROSTER BY CLASS

Seniors: Eight
Juniors: Three
Sophomores: One
Freshmen: Six

ROSTER BY POSITION

OH (5): Oberacker, Katkich, Burkes, Vavrek, Wenger

MH (4): Caluori, Wurstle, Sausman, Inquartano

RS (3): Campbell, Burkes, Sausman

Setter (2): Pugliese, Bradley

DS (6): Ardinger, Gillooly, Hall, Fitzgerald, Veydt, McLaughlin

ROSTER BY STATE

Pennsylvania: 14
Ohio: 3
Switzerland: 1

ROSTER BY HEIGHT

6-3 – Caluori
6-2 –
6-1 – Wurstle, Inquartano
6-0 – Oberacker, Katkich, Burkes
5-11 – Campbell, Sausman
5-10 – Bradley
5-9 – Wenger
5-8 – Vavrek
5-7 – Pugliese
5-6 – Fitzgerald, McLaughlin
5-5 – Ardinger, Gillooly, Hall
5-3 – Veydt



2011 INDIVIDUAL SEASON STATISTICS (ALL MATCHES)

##	Name	GP-MP-MS	-----ATTACK-----					---SET---		-----SERVE-----				
			K	K/Game	E	TA	Pct	A	A/Game	SA	SA/Gm	SE	TA	Pct
16	Lindsey Oberacker	142 42-	556	3.92	120	1373	.318	37	0.26	58	0.41	70	530	.868
4	Brittany Lhota	133 40-	388	2.92	110	776	.358	3	0.02	5	0.04	6	84	.929
32	Chelsea Katkich	122 40-	250	2.05	104	632	.231	3	0.02	4	0.03	13	53	.755
3	Nicole Wurstle	134 40-	195	1.46	73	430	.284	6	0.04	0	0.00	1	2	.500
15	Tayler Pugliese	144 42-	120	0.83	42	278	.281	1575	10.94	36	0.25	48	583	.918
18	Ashley Campbell	82 29-	113	1.38	39	270	.274	6	0.07	0	0.00	0	1	1.000
2	Rachel Stedina	101 37-	111	1.10	29	249	.329	5	0.05	11	0.11	12	62	.806
26	Brigitte Jones	61 29-	100	1.64	30	250	.280	3	0.05	0	0.00	0	1	1.000
9	Keaton Sausman	43 28-	26	0.60	14	68	.176	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	1	1.000
11	Alyssa Hall	142 42-	17	0.12	29	109	.110	60	0.42	40	0.28	57	602	.905
17	Amanda Ardinger	143 42-	11	0.08	6	34	.147	18	0.13	38	0.27	32	509	.937
10	Margaret Gillooly	140 42-	7	0.05	3	50	.080	23	0.16	17	0.12	15	525	.971
22	Sarah Mathias	7 6-	3	0.43	2	9	.111	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	.000
5	Cassandra Maxwell	69 22-	3	0.04	1	5	.400	3	0.04	1	0.01	13	195	.933
6	Amanda Wenger	9 6-	3	0.33	3	19	.000	1	0.11	0	0.00	1	3	.667
19	Amanda Pato	4 4-	2	0.50	1	3	.333	16	4.00	0	0.00	0	5	1.000
8	Taylor Roddy	60 25-	1	0.02	0	2	.500	2	0.03	6	0.10	2	168	.988
	POINT PARK UNIV.....	143 42-	1906	13.33	606	4557	.285	1762	12.32	216	1.51	270	3324	.919
	Opponents.....	143 42-	1302	9.10	667	4209	.151	1200	8.39	119	0.83	201	1498	.866

##	Name	G	----RECEPT----			---DIG---		-----BLOCKING-----					
			RE	TA	Pct	DIG	Dig/G	BS	BA	Total	B/Game	BE	BHE
16	Lindsey Oberacker	142	21	589	.964	378	2.66	16	94	110	0.77	11	1
4	Brittany Lhota	133	0	8	1.000	35	0.26	21	115	136	1.02	19	0
32	Chelsea Katkich	122	9	183	.951	56	0.46	8	41	49	0.40	1	0
3	Nicole Wurstle	134	6	20	.700	36	0.27	22	142	164	1.22	19	1
15	Tayler Pugliese	144	3	9	.667	257	1.78	9	67	76	0.53	4	22
18	Ashley Campbell	82	0	0	.000	18	0.22	1	39	40	0.49	4	0
2	Rachel Stedina	101	1	6	.833	15	0.15	15	113	128	1.27	15	0
26	Brigitte Jones	61	1	67	.985	27	0.44	0	14	14	0.23	0	0
9	Keaton Sausman	43	0	1	1.000	1	0.02	3	15	18	0.42	2	1
11	Alyssa Hall	142	36	661	.946	556	3.92	0	0	0	0.00	0	4
17	Amanda Ardinger	143	19	457	.958	297	2.08	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
10	Margaret Gillooly	140	21	366	.943	339	2.42	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
5	Cassandra Maxwell	69	0	1	1.000	26	0.38	0	0	0	0.00	0	1
22	Sarah Mathias	7	0	0	.000	2	0.29	0	3	3	0.43	0	1
6	Amanda Wenger	9	1	6	.833	4	0.44	0	1	1	0.11	0	0
19	Amanda Pato	4	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
8	Taylor Roddy	60	4	48	.917	46	0.77	0	1	1	0.02	0	1
	TEAM		0										
	POINT PARK UNIV.....	143	122	2564	.952	2093	14.64	95	645	417.5	2.92	75	32
	Opponents.....	143	185	1417	.869	1926	13.47	90	305	242.5	1.70	141	33

2011 TEAM STATISTICS/MISC. STATS

Kills per Set	13.3	(23rd in NAIA)	Overall Record:	36-6
Total Kills	1,906	(16th in NAIA)	Conf. Record:	9-1
Hitting Pct.	.285	(9th in NAIA)	Home:	13-0
Assists per Set	12.3	(17th in NAIA)	Away:	11-5
Total Assists	1,762	(16th in NAIA)	Neutral:	12-1
Aces per Set	1.5		3 games:	26-2
Total Aces	216	(43rd in NAIA)	4 games:	8-3
Reception Pct.	.952		5 games:	2-1
Digs per Set	14.6		Longest Win Streak	16 (School Rec.)
Blocks per Set	2.9	(3rd in NAIA)	Longest Losing Streak	1 (6 times)
Total Blocks	419.5	(2nd in NAIA)		
Attendance (Avg)	132			

2011 MATCH BY MATCH RESULTS (All Matches)

Overall Record: 36-6

Conference 9-1

Home: 13-0

Away: 11-5

Neutral: 12-1

Date	Opponent	Score	Score-by-game	Overall Record	Conference Record
Aug 26, 2011	vs Asbury (Ky.)	W 3-2	25-22, 20-25, 28-26, 13-25, 15-11	1-0	0-0
Aug 26, 2011	vs Union (Ky.)	W 3-0	25-17, 25-21, 25-20	2-0	0-0
Aug 27, 2011	at Rio Grande	W 3-2	18-25, 25-17, 27-25, 20-25, 15-9	3-0	0-0
Aug 27, 2011	vs Union (Ky.)	W 3-0	25-19, 25-17, 25-20	4-0	0-0
Aug 27, 2011	at Rio Grande	1-3 L	15-25, 25-16, 22-25, 22-25	4-1	0-0
Sep 2, 2011	vs West Liberty	W 3-0	25-23, 25-11, 25-22	5-1	0-0
Sep 2, 2011	at PittJohnstown	W 3-0	25-13, 25-16, 25-15	6-1	0-0
Sep 3, 2011	vs WV Wesleyan	W 3-0	34-32, 25-21, 25-13	7-1	0-0
Sep 3, 2011	at Davis & Elkins	W 3-0	25-13, 25-20, 25-14	8-1	0-0
Sep 6, 2011	PITJOHNSTOWN	W 3-0	25-15, 25-13, 25-15	9-1	0-0
Sep 9, 2011	CARLOW UNIVERSITY	W 3-0	25-13, 25-18, 25-13	10-1	0-0
Sep 9, 2011	WEST LIBERTY	W 3-0	25-17, 25-14, 25-13	11-1	0-0
Sep 10, 2011	OHIO VALLEY UNIV.	W 3-0	25-10, 25-13, 25-9	12-1	0-0
Sep 10, 2011	NOTRE DAME (OH)	W 3-1	25-9, 25-7, 24-26, 25-19	13-1	0-0
Sep 14, 2011	at California (Pa.)	0-3 L	21-25, 19-25, 19-25	13-2	0-0
* Sep 20, 2011	CARLOW UNIVERSITY	W 3-0	25-14, 25-21, 25-13	15-3	1-0
* Sep 22, 2011	at Walsh University	0-3 L	23-25, 23-25, 21-25	15-4	1-1
Sep 24, 2011	vs Fairmont State	W 3-1	19-25, 25-18, 25-18, 25-23	16-4	1-1
Sep 24, 2011	at WV Wesleyan	W 3-1	25-20, 22-25, 26-24, 25-16	17-4	1-1
* Sep 29, 2011	at Houghton	W 3-0	25-18, 25-13, 25-8	18-4	2-1
* Sep 30, 2011	at Roberts Wesleyan	W 3-0	25-12, 25-23, 25-19	19-4	3-1
* Oct 1, 2011	at Daemen College	W 3-1	22-25, 25-16, 25-15, 25-16	20-4	4-1
* Oct 4, 2011	WALSH UNIVERSITY	W 3-0	25-21, 32-30, 25-21	21-4	5-1
Oct 7, 2011	vs Florida Christian	W 3-0	25-11, 25-15, 25-11	22-4	5-1
Oct 7, 2011	vs Northwood (Fla.)	W 3-0	25-15, 25-20, 25-7	23-4	5-1
Oct 7, 2011	vs Ave Maria (Fla.)	W 3-0	25-11, 25-18, 25-14	24-4	5-1
Oct 8, 2011	vs Grace (Ind.)	W 3-1	25-21, 23-25, 25-23, 25-21	25-4	5-1
Oct 8, 2011	at Clearwater Christian	W 3-0	25-22, 25-19, 25-11	26-4	5-1
* Oct 15, 2011	DAEMEN COLLEGE	W 3-0	25-9, 25-20, 25-19	27-4	6-1
* Oct 15, 2011	ROBERTS WESLEYAN	W 3-0	25-21, 25-21, 26-24	28-4	7-1
* Oct 19, 2011	at Carlow University	W 3-0	25-14, 25-13, 25-15	29-4	8-1
Oct 22, 2011	at D&E	W 3-1	25-18, 25-15, 18-25, 25-20	30-4	8-1
Oct 22, 2011	vs Bluefield State	W 3-0	25-11, 25-6, 25-12	31-4	8-1
Oct 25, 2011	at Gannon	2-3 L	28-26, 21-25, 25-19, 23-25, 8-15	31-5	8-1
Nov 2, 2011	at West Liberty	W 3-0	25-11, 25-14, 25-17	32-5	8-1
* Nov. 4, 2011	HOUGHTON	W 3-0	25-16, 25-10, 25-8	33-5	9-1
AMERICAN MIDEAST CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT (at Point Park)					
Nov. 8, 2011	CARLOW UNIVERSITY (1ST Rd)	W 3-0	25-17, 25-6, 25-8	34-5	9-1
Nov 08, 2011	DAEMEN COLLEGE (Finals)	W 3-1	25-17, 16-25, 25-21, 25-21	35-5	9-1
UNAFFILIATED GROUP AMC/CAL-PAC CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH (at Point Park)					
Nov 12, 2011	HOLY NAMES	W 3-1	25-23, 25-22, 19-25, 25-22	36-5	9-1
NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OPENING ROUND (at Indian Tech)					
Nov 19, 2011	vs Indiana Tech	1-3 L	17-25, 28-26, 15-25, 22-25	36-6	9-1

HOME MATCHES IN ALL CAPS

* American Mideast Conference Match

2011 SEASON RECAP

The 2011 season was a year of “firsts” and “bests” for the Pioneers. Point Park won a conference tournament title for the first time defeating Daemen, 3-1, in the AMC Tournament Finals. The Pioneers also reached the NAIA national tournament for the first time but was unfortunately ousted in the NAIA Opening Rd. by No. 15 Indiana Tech, 3-1. But the Pioneers in the process set a school record for wins (36), winning percentage (.857) and fewest losses (6). Point Park spent the entire 2011 season in the ‘Others Receiving Votes’ section of the NAIA Top 25 Poll. Although they were never able to crack the Top 25, the Pioneers ended the year rated as the 31st-best team in the nation. The final rating in the national poll was fitting given that Point Park was among the 36 teams to make the national tourney.

Point Park got off to a hot start in 2011 as its 13-1 record on Sept. 10 had only one blemish at that point — at Rio Grande in the opening weekend. Despite taking on a couple of losses to California (Pa.) and Wheeling Jesuit (W.Va.) — two of the top NCAA DII teams in the region — the Pioneers followed that up with a school-record 16-match winning streak. Point Park dropped only five total sets during the long win streak, and that put the Pioneers at 31-4 overall and 8-1 conference on Oct. 22. Point Park ended the regular season with a home win over Houghton to finish 9-1 in the AMC. That earned the Pioneers the top seed in the conference tournament. Point Park was AMC Regular Season Co-Champs with Walsh, which split the season series with the Pioneers but was ineligible for the postseason. The Pioneers entered the postseason with a 33-5 record and swept through the AMC Tournament. Point Park then punched its ticket to the NAIA tourney with a 3-1 win over Holy Names (Calif.) in the Unaffiliated Group AMC/CalPac match.